The Humble

ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal,

In Parliament Assembled,

PRESENTED TO

HIS MAJESTY

On *Wednesday* the Twenty-second Day of *January*, 1728.

WITH

His Majesty's

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

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ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Aſſembled, That the Addreſs of this Houſe, preſented to His Majeſty, and His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Anſwer thereunto, be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Wm Cowper,
Cler' Parliamentor'

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled.

Die Martis, 21 Januarii, 1728.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to offer the humble and hearty Thanks of this House for Your Majesty's most Gracious Speech from the Throne, and to congratulate Your Majesty upon the safe Arrival of his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*. This happiness is owing to Your Majesty's paternal Affection, and affords the highest and most peculiar Honour to this House, and a great Satisfaction to all good Subjects. The communicating to us the present Situation of publick Affairs, the giving all the Satisfaction concerning them we could reasonably desire, and the tender Concern Your Majesty is pleased to express for the Suspence in which the Affairs of *Europe* are still held, and the temporary Inconveniencies to Us, which of Necessity must attend it, are fresh Instances how much Your Majesty has at Heart the Welfare of Your Kingdoms.

However doubtful the Event of the present Negotiations may prove, which Your Majesty has laboured with so much Prudence, in Concert with Your Allies, to bring to an honourable Conclusion, we must with great Satisfaction observe, that Our present State of Uncertainty will soon be determined, Your Majesty having been pleased to declare Your Opinion, in Concurrence with the most ardent Desires of all Your faithful Subjects, that it is necessary to insist upon a speedy and certain Decision of this important Transaction. This is a Measure now become essential to the Interest of Our Country, and will convince all those who have promoted these Delays, or have had the high Presumption to impute them to Your Majesty's Conduct, that the Sceptre of *Great Britain* is in the Hands of a Prince as little capable of being amused as intimidated.

We are fully sensible that a generous and compassionate Regard for the Ease and Happiness of Your Subjects could alone have prevailed upon Your Majesty to be hitherto patient under these dilatory Proceedings; for if this undetermined State has been detrimental to the Interests of Your Kingdoms, and if it has laid any Burthen on Your People, it must necessarily have raised a high Resentment in Your Majesty, the Guardian and Father of them.

But if, contrary to Your Majesty's Wishes and our own, that Justice and Satisfaction, so long delayed, cannot be obtained by amicable Measures, if the Patience of Your Majesty and Your Allies should be abused, and if the only Way to Peace should be by an Appeal to

Heaven

Heaven in a juſt and neceſſary War, we ſhall with the greateſt Chearfulneſs and Zeal ſupport Your Majeſty in the Proſecution of it, and enable You to carry it on with Vigour in Conjunction with Your Allies; we have this Comfort, if a War unavoidably muſt happen, that it will be kindled at a time, when the Reputation of the Arms of *Great Britain* cannot ſuffer any Diminution.

The Alliance, in which Your Majeſty is engaged, being founded upon common Intereſt, and ſtrengthened with repeated Marks of mutual Fidelity, will, we hope, effectually defeat the wicked Deſigns of Your Enemies, who by falſe and malicious Inſinuations would either create Diffidence among the Powers ſo united, or miſlead Your own Subjects into unjuſt Opinions of the Conduct of Your Majeſty's Allies.

It appears evident to us, that nothing could more encourage the Courts of *Vienna* and *Madrid* in their preſent Delays, than if Hopes have been given from hence of creating Diſcontents and Diviſions among Us, and of a Proſpect of ſeeing Difficulties ariſe at Home: But whatever have been the various and ſecret Machinations of ſome Few who through Envy or Ambition may have debaſed themſelves ſo far as to act in Concert with the meaneſt and moſt treacherous Diſturbers of the State; we hope that by their continual Diſappointments in their pernicious and unnatural Deſigns, they will themſelves deſpair of being able to bring Diſtreſs upon their Country, even though they ſhould by Artifice, and the Lenity of the Conſtitution, almoſt daily abuſed, eſcape the infamous Puniſhment due by the Laws of the Land to ſuch Crimes. We entirely depend upon Your Majeſty's Conſtancy and Steadineſs (Virtues ever inſeparable from a great Mind) that no wicked and groundleſs Suggeſtions or Inſinuations will alter Your preſent Purpoſes, or induce Your Majeſty to give Ear to fluctuating Counſels; and we ſhall endeavour to convince the World, that no artful Deſigns or Intrigues ſhall change that Affection and Harmony which has been, and we are confident, ever will ſubſiſt, between Your Majeſty and Your Parliament.

His MAJESTY's moſt Gracious Anſwer.

My LORDS,

I Thank you for this Dutiful and Loyal Addreſs. So ſeaſonable Inſtance of your Confidence in Me cannot fail of producing very good Effects both at Home and Abroad. You may depend upon My conſtant Endeavours to promote the Eaſe and Proſperity of My People, which is the beſt Return I can make for your Zeal and Affection.

FINIS.